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Faiths join in Cantata

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A record total of nine churches combined their best talent in Sunday's Inter-Denominational Christmas Cantata at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, continuing a tradition that dates back to the mid 1970s, when it was started by Donnie Eagle, wife of United Church minister Rev. Glen Eagle, and performed there every Christmas until St. Michael's was opened in 1998. The annual event alternated between the two churches until Elk Point United closed in 2018.

This year's version included participants from Derwent Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elk Point Baptist Church, Elk Point Christian Community Church, Elk Point United Church, Glad Tidings Pentecostal Assembly from Vermilion, Myrnam Community Church, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at Angle Lake and the host St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Special musicians Gary Litvany on bass guitar, Ethan Goulet on drums and Tom Valleau on recorder added to the program, with Nemiah Goulet adding a piano solo, and pianists Gabrielle Bayduza and Irwin Panganiban accompanying the singers, directed by Margaret Bayduza.

Father Girard Gauthier of St. Michael's gave the opening prayer and welcome before the children of the choir, shown at left, sang 'Away in a Manger' to start off the program, which alternated Scripture readings, songs by the congregation and choir, as well as two special numbers.

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Entries way up for Oilmen's Big Bucks competition

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Oilmen's Association saw a very welcome increase in entries for this year's Big Bucks competition, with an increase from last year's total of 29 to just over 50 this year coming in to be measured.

After all the points had been totaled up, Wyatt Jacula was declared the Youth winner of a head mount sponsored by Elk Point Lions, with a score of 150 6/8. Karisa Whitlock won the Ladies' title with a score of 176 7/8, while Cody Eyben topped the Men's Whitetail with a rack scoring 202 5/8 and Cam Hrychchuk won the Mule Deer title with a measure of 205 4/8.

Draws were also made from the Early Bird entries, with Al Zalasky winning the Mule Deer early bird, Jeff Koppang the Whitetail early bird, Brandi Sakowsky the Ladies' early bird and Rhangan Bunler the Youth early bird.

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PROUD WINNERS Karisa Whitlock, Wyatt Jacula, Cam Hrychchuk and Cody Eyben display their award-winning antlers at the end of a successful hunting season.

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FILIPINO CAROLERS sang a joyful “Christmas is Coming” in Tagalog.

Cantata

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Special numbers included two Ukrainian carols by Olga Seniuk, Anne Zayac and Mary Bezpalko, a beautiful solo in French and English by Jorja Theriault entitled “Minuit Chretiens / O Holy Night,” a Filipino carol complete with all the glory of the season, and a special version of Leonard Cohen’s ‘Halleluia’ sung by Rick Dees of Derwent., as well as a recorder solo by Tom Valleur.

Scripture readings were by Lauren Smith, Bernice Batdorf and Helen Zarowny, while Fr. Andriy Nikafuruk of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elk Point gave the benediction before the choir led the traditional final number, now 200 years old, ‘Silent Night,’ in its original German, Ukrainian, French, Tagalog and English as the choir made their recessional after a wonderful evening of song.

Coffee, goodies and good fellowship wrapped up the evening.

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UKRAINIAN CAROLERS Olga Seniuk, Anne Zayac an Mary Bezpalko sang “God Eternal” and “Today Christ is Born.”



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Bucks

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A huge array of door prizes were given out to contest entrants, as well as several door prizes and draw prizes for the huge crowd that turned out to admire the results of this year's very successful hunting season.

Sponsors of this year's Big Bucks Competition included Mistol Seeds, Poacher's Corner, E-Carb Oilfield Services, Bumper to Bumper, Leo Hurtubise, Elk Point Lions, Elk Point RONA, Weatherford and REMS Welding.



GENEROSITY BY THE CART LOAD - Community Lions of Elk Point president Diane Peifer and Krystina Kretschmer of Country 99's Christmas Convoy were grateful for the excellent local support.

Community Lions gather up support

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Cornerstone Co-op's Elk Point store was extra busy on the December Members' Day, and was ready to support the Community Lions of Elk Point and the Santas Anonymous with 114 Good Buy to Hunger bags waiting for generous shoppers to add to their purchases.

By 5 p.m., every last bag had been purchased, and the list of prepaid bags for later delivery was already growing, by the time Community Lions president Diane Peifer and member Susan Frisby loaded cart after cart up for transport to the Santas' temporary workshop.

All those food bags, and those purchased since then will stay in the community to help families in need.

Another type of collection has been ongoing for several weeks already, with the Community Lions familiar big red collection boxes located in downtown Elk Point stores, the library, the FCSS office, or the schools, ready to accept donations of food, toys and other gifts for distribution to those who need a little extra support this Christmas season.

Gifts for teenaged girls are in short supply. Need some ideas? Try cosmetics, phone chargers, watches, jewellery, or dressy scarves or other personal items, the Lions say.

There's still a bit of time to add to the boxes before Lions collect them at the end of Dec. 13 for a massive Friday wrap-a-thon, as gifts and food hampers are readied for delivery before Christmas.

Share the Warmth

Cheques and cash aren't all you can deposit at the Servus Credit Union and ATB Financial these days. Both financial institutions also have a tree that you can decorate with toques, mitts, gloves and scarves to help keep someone warm this winter. With one less financial institution in town this year, these trees need to be especially well dressed in a time when the need is greatest.

And just a reminder that new or gently worn coats will be gratefully accepted at the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS prior to Dec. 14 for distribution to those in need of warm winter wear.

Thirty years for St. Paul and area's annual Christmas Bird Count

PAUL E BOISVERT

St. Paul Christmas Bird Count Coordinator

This year's Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for the Town and County of St. Paul marks the 30th consecutive year that this activity is being held in this area. The local Town and County count will run from Dec. 16 to Jan. 6 inclusive.

Anyone wishing to participate is asked to do observations and counts on as many days as you wish and for as many hours as you wish. Observations can be a feeder watch and/or field observations. When doing a feeder watch, observers are asked to report the largest number of birds seen at any one time and not a running calculation. For example, if on Dec. 17th you see

six Black-Capped Chickadees in a group and on the 18th you see four, you should report the six and not a total of $6 + 4 = 10$. When reporting your count, please indicate your name and the number in your household or group who participated and whether this was carried out in the Town or County of St. Paul.



This event can be a great challenge among families or friends to see who comes up with the greatest number of the 30 to 40 species which are here for the winter.

A complete report will be published in the Elk Point Review at the conclusion of this activity.

Reports can be submitted until Jan. 8, 2019, by e-mail to haw-kow14@telus.net (that's 4 not 14) or by phone (evenings only please) at 780-645-3409.

This year we will have a random draw of prizes from all the reports submitted, one for town participants and one for county participants.

Further questions can be directed to the contact information given above.

Breastmilk a lifesaving gift for newborns

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Many people have breastmilk they would like to donate but are unable to do so because there is no local drop off.

"From what I've been told is that if there is enough request by callers that they may consider a local drop off i.e. Bonnyville or St. Paul," says Christal Brodziak of Elk Point Community Health Services.

"But people need to call!"

Currently the breastmilk goes to babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) first, "but if there was enough donated, that breastmilk would

be available for the public to purchase" Brodziak says.

"We know the extreme value and benefit of breastmilk and that's why I encourage all of those that can, to do so."

Information from Northern Star Mothers Milk Bank, which collects breastmilk from nine milk drop locations in the three prairie provinces as well as at its main location in Calgary, says that for premature and ill babies, "donor human milk is not just food, it's medicine." The beneficial components of human milk cannot be manufactured; it can only come from donors. Donor moms, who are not financially com-

pensated, are screened through a telephone interview, a written questionnaire a health care provider visit and a blood test, and the milk goes through pre- and post-pasteurization tests before being dispensed.

In 2015, in the neighborhood of 4,000 litres of breastmilk were distributed by Northern Star, which serves hospitals and outpatients in seven provinces. The milk is shipped overnight by courier to and from the Milk Bank, and the furthest the milk has ever been shipped was to India for premature Canadian twins.

Donor human milk (DHM) helps babies in the NICU, many weighing between one and three pounds and having a stomach the size of a blueberry, by decreasing the risk for a potentially fatal gastrointestinal infection called necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), as well as other infections, and babies receiving DHM can go home about two weeks earlier than those who do not. The Canadian Paediatric Society says that if a mother is unable to feed her baby, pasteurized DHM is the next best option.

Crime-concerned residents rally at Ferguson Flats

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

An ongoing rash of vehicle thefts, break and enters and attempted thefts in the area brought around 70 residents of the surrounding areas to Ferguson Flats community hall on Friday evening to get some advice on protecting their homes and property from the Elk Point RCMP and the Eastern Crime Reduction Unit's James Morton.

A number of those in attendance had an opportunity to come forward and tell their stories of their own experiences with rural crime activity, but were urged not to take matters into their own hands. It is possible to make a citizen's arrest, the police said, "but be careful not to get shot in the process."

The police admit to being overwhelmed with the crime, and are sometimes unable to be in multiple locations at the same time. They are also frustrated with the courts and stressed that calls need to be made to the local MLAs and Members of Parliament to get laws changed and changes made to the justice system.

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Gifts from the gifted

In a crazy, mixed-up world where everyone is far too ready to battle over everything from transfer payments and pipelines to the words of a 70-plus-year-old song, it was nothing short of heartwarming to sit and listen to singers and musicians from nine different churches and several different ethnic backgrounds harmonize at Elk Point's annual Interfaith Cantata.

There was no strife, no hidden agenda, no 'my faith is better than your faith' controversy, all were brought together in peace by songs from many nations around the world, songs old and new, sung by voices from all age groups from senior citizens to little ones who needed to stand on chairs to be seen by the packed audience.

Events like this give hope that peace still does exist in this world, where everyday life is busy and rushed and full of strife over situations both real and imagined. For a couple of hours, every one of us in attendance could put the busy world outside, with its plunging oil prices, posturing politicians and plundering outlaws of the new west, out of our minds and simply enjoy the music.

What a fine way to give every mind and heart a break from the everyday world, and prepare us for another busy week of getting ready for Christmas....

ALL IS CALM....

Relax and enjoy the holidays

For many people, the pressure of trying to create the "perfect" Christmas can make the season seem daunting and stressful. If you want to relax and enjoy the holiday as much as your family this year, you need to resist some of the pressure. Here's how to do it:

• Say no.

Around the holidays, it can feel like all your free moments are booked. Instead of accepting every invitation you get, stay home on occasion. Use such evenings to make cookies and watch Christmas movies in your pyjamas, or order take out and eat in the living room.

• Outsource.

If you're hosting dinner, instead of cooking a multi-course meal yourself, ask your guests to bring some of the dishes. Or better yet, have your entire event catered. You'll enjoy your party that much more if you're not in the kitchen the whole evening. Your guests will also be happy to spend more time with you.

• Think quality not quantity.

To relieve the stress of needing to buy the perfect gift for everybody on your list, organize the type of exchange with your family or group of friends in which everyone only buys for one other person. Picking names from a hat tends to be the best way to arrange these types of gift exchanges.

At home with your kids and spouse, consider buying only one bigger gift the whole family can enjoy instead of a bunch of smaller presents. It'll save you the time and effort normally involved with buying multiple presents.

This year, make a pact with yourself and your loved ones to keep Christmas simple. A lighter, more carefree holiday is the best way to ensure that everyone gets to relax and enjoy the spirit of the season.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Decision appealed, league leaders, Moosehills upgraded

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 10 IN...

1988

Town council voted to add their support to the County of St. Paul school board's appeal to the Department of Education's decision to put the Elk Point Elementary School addition on hold. Elk Point Skating Club hosted their annual Skate-a-Thon, where Doug Bassett skated for both the Lions Club and the Oilmen's Association, collecting the most pledges in the Clubs and Organizations section on behalf of the Lions.

1993

Elk Point Elks senior hockey team was leading the Sask-Alta Hockey League, with an impressive seven win - one loss record, after a week that included bad-to-back wins over the Paradise Valley Jets and one over the Dewberry Mustangs. Alberta Power had good news for the chamber of commerce, with no rate increases in sight, and efforts being made to reduce the rates further.

1998

The Elk Point Review proudly accepted the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award, with the New Business of the Year award going to Frosty's Kitchen. Elk Point RCMP were urging everyone to have fun while snowmobiling, but to take care, with proper equipment, registration and insurance, and to follow the regulations imposed by the town and provincial governments.

2003

The end of a long, rough road was celebrated as County Coun. Sharil Baumgardner cut the ribbon to officially open the recently completed Moosehills

Road upgrading project. The chamber of commerce was going to bat for local oilfield contractors after one of them lost all of his business with a large company that opted to have the work done by a company from outside the area.

2008

Five area churches combined congregations and choirs for the Interdenominational Cantata hosted by St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, which included a Nativity pageant, Ukrainian, Japanese, Czech and Filipino carols. Elk Point Oilmen's Association hosted their first Big Bucks contest, with Mark Ference, Jordan Mudryk and Jim Mistol tracking down the big winners.

2013



A LONG LINEUP OF IMPRESSIVE ANTLERS stretched out into Elk Point Curling Club's ice surface for the Elk Point Oilmen's Association's Big Bucks contest. Left to right are youth winner Jasper Nelson, whitetail winner Terry Mistol, top typical scoring mule deer winner Leo Hurtubise, with Orin Ockerman and his top net score mule deer in the background, while Sydnee Crawford shows off the top ladies' whitetail for winner Kathy Kozina.

An Elk Point family whose roots go back to the community's earliest days was one of the 2013 recipients of the prestigious ATB Agriculture Farm Family Award Three generations of Capjacks from Sidehill Springs Farms were proud to accept the honour.

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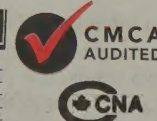
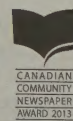
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Heinsburg students visit Heritage Lodge seniors



Heinsburg Community School Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and 3 students took a trip to the Elk Point Heritage Lodge on Friday, Dec. 7. The students made cards and delivered them to all the seniors along with juice and cookies. One of the seniors even played jingle bells on the piano for the kids and everyone joined in to sing. After caroling everyone had a chance to go and talk to some of the seniors!

Brittany Younghans photos



One little visitor from Heinsburg got a warm grandmotherly hug from Heritage Lodge resident Bernice Bykowsky.

ELK POINT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH held their Christmas banquet on Friday, Dec. 7 with a wonderful turnout of nearly 100 people, a fabulous supper put together by very diligent and hard-working ladies and a spectacular, wonderful inspirational performance by Norm and Shirley Rice (left). All in all, a very special evening.

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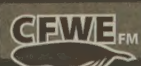
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Don't forget to register!

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA PASSPORT Grand Prize winners Christina Moores and Mark Brazilz did an exceptional job of checking out all the local businesses and attractions, and received the grand prize of a tablet, gifts and gift cards and a turkey, all donated by Elk Point Chamber of Commerce members from chamber president Terri Hampson. Runner up Victoria Kowel also received a turkey.

Photo submitted



EXTRAVAGANZA COLORING CONTEST WINNERS Cassie (left) and Lennox accepted their prizes from Elk Point Subway management and staff, and congratulations from Chamber of Commerce president Terri Hampson. A third winner, Verit, wasn't able to be on hand for the presentation.

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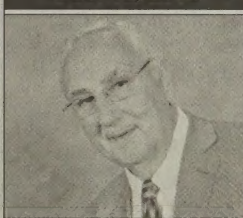
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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear loving mother, Irene on December 1, 2018 of Elk Point, formerly of Sherwood Park at the age of 84 years. Irene is survived by 2 sons & 2 daughters, Rick (Gail), Jacque (Ray) Deets, Wayne (Doreen) & Tracy; 8 grandchildren, Debbie (Andrew) McQuinn, Cass (Katie), Nick (Jerri), Ashley, Raelen, Colin, Tyler & Justin; 5 great-grandchildren, Colby, Jessica, Sean, Nixon & Dean; sisters, Marie, Alice & Georgie. Irene was predeceased by her husband, Adrien Albert Paradis; parents, George & Dorothy Feica; brothers, Tommy & Peter; & sister, Kay. At Mrs. Paradis' request, no service will be held. Cremation has taken place. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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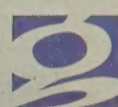
On December 4, 2018, Mrs. Katherine Abraham of Frog Lake passed away at the age of 73 years. She is survived by her children, Wilson (Melanie) Faithful, Randal Faithful, Delores Faithful, Fabian (Leanne) Faithful, Travis Faithful & Candace (Nolan "Tony") Faithful; long-time companion of 26 years, Pat Hill, & his grandboys, Mitch & Michael Hill, she raised from toddlers to adulthood - she took as her own; numerous grandchildren & great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Abraham; numerous nieces & nephews. Katherine was predeceased by her ex-husband & father of her children, Lawrence Faithful; parents, Joseph & Louise Abraham; daughter, Muriel Faithful; 2 sons, Roland Abraham & Bradley Faithful; grandchildren, Tara Faithful, Nigel Fabian Faithful, Baby Quinney Faithful, Nathan Faithful, Baby Lawrence Faithful & Jared Moocheweines; ex-parents-in-law, Sam & Maryanne Faithful; 3 sisters, Maryann Abraham, Mary Faithful & Freda Morin; & brother, Andrew Abraham. A Wake was held on Thursday & Friday, December 6 & 7 at Norman C. Quinney Career Centre, Frog Lake. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Norman C. Quinney Career Centre, Frog Lake. Pastor Wilfred Cross officiated, with interment in Anglican Cemetery, Frog Lake. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Two great games, tie and win for Novices

Count, count them with me. Two, Two... great games! The Novice team had two fabulous games this past weekend against two different Bonnyville teams.

On Saturday the game ended in a 11-all tie and the shots on goal were almost equal at 39 to 33. 'Billy Bob' Ballas with four goals and one assist, 'Wild Wyatt' Fontaine with a hat trick and two assists, Kestyn Quinney with a hat trick and three assists, Jaxon 'Smitty' Smith with two goals and two assists, 'Jesse James' Penner with two goals, 'Major Tom' Melnyk and Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux with one assist each. Denys 'the Menace' Kuba, doing the goaltending duties in this one for the first time ever, looked like a natural.

On Sunday the game was not nearly as close, the Novice Avalanche put up some even bigger numbers against the Bonnyville minor novice team. Jackson 'J.R.' Rawlake between the pipes for the second time this year shut them down, allowing only eight goals, our guys added a bunch more than that, too many in fact to list them all here, but we should mention with some great teamwork and passing, everyone on the team scored more than once.

Our **Micro Novice** team also hosted a little team from Bonnyville this past weekend. Two goals each for Lennox 'All Out' St Arnault and Hudson 'the Roadster' Krankowsky. Assists by Tor 'Tornado' Aarbo, 'General Lee' Barstad, Zander 'Zorro' Goertzen, 'Mount Everett' Hahn, and Jaydn the 'Spectacular' Sakowsky. The 'Roadster' and 'Tornado' were also very sharp coming up with huge saves when it was their turn to guard the cage. As you may or may not know, the Tom Thumbs do not dress a goalie and rotate the whole team every three minutes.

Head coach Jeff Morgan and the **Atom Avalanche** did a good job of shutting down the big guns from the Frog Lake T Birds, losing a close one 6 to 5. The last time these two teams played the Avalanche lost by a whole

bunch. Most of the scoring by the T Birds is by one very dominate player, which is often the case at this level. Two goals for Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand, Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk with a goal and an assist, Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka and Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson with one goal each, Brendan 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski with an assist.

The **Midget Avalanche**, without a league game scheduled this past weekend, invited a team from Fort Saskatchewan to come out for an exhibition game. The Fort team plays in the same tier as ours only in a different league called the Sixteen Sixty. I believe. Hockey Alberta is trying to have all the league tiers the same but it still seems to be a work in progress, as our boys didn't have any problem winning this one easily. Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow opened the scoring on the first shift of the game. Dustyn 'Dusty' Pankiw with a hat trick and an assist and four trips to the sin bin for some minor penalties. Two goals for the rugged winger Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maaron. Tricky Nicky 'Sparky' Anderson with a goal and three helpers. Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey doing the same trick, one goal and three assists. 'King Cole' Bendixen scoring one all on his own, going coast-to-coast with the Avalanche short handed. 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage with four assists, his big brother 'Hot Wheels' with two assists, D-men Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal and Evan 'Batman' Ockerman with one assist each. Goalie 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle in net for the first time this year wasn't overly busy, facing only 21 shots, but still came up big when called upon. The final 9 to 3 for the Avalanche.

The **Peewee Avalanche** pulled one out of the bag on Saturday night here at home against Cold Lake. Down by 3 to 1 three quarters through the game, they rallied back to take the lead for a short while. Unfortunately the game ended in a 4-all tie. Not as good as a win maybe, but when you are trailing by two it feels like a win even when you tie. 'Top

Gunner' Crawford with the first two goals, scoring the first one all alone going top shelf, the second one assisted by Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch. We call him 'Blue Line' because we can always count on him being there when the opposition is attacking. But I notice this year 'Blue Line' does jump up into the play a lot more than he used to, but is still fast enough to get back to the defense in time. In the third period 'the Vulture' Vaughn Ockerman was circling for the kill, scoring two goals both of them assisted by Brayden 'Pinball' Pinette who was also flying full out in this game. Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski also assisting on the go-ahead goal. 'Goldie Locks' is one tough customer playing on defense, she stays home and squeezes anyone on the rush to the outside. Coming up big in this one too on defense, was the 'Big Bird' Kaylee Radcliffe. She is a terrific skater and is getting better all the time with her passing and shots.

On Sunday the Peewee Avalanche hosted Bonnyville, a team that had shut them down earlier in the season. This time, the Avalanche winning 3 to 1. Some great goaltending in both Peewee games as usual by the 'Kid Kade' Fontaine. He comes to play every time he suits up and never gives up any soft goals. The 'Vulture' was at it again in this one, circling and scoring two goals, the first one on the power play on a pretty set up by Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron. 'Ram Rod' is another guy who doesn't get enough credit and gives 100 per cent every game. 'Top Gunner' Crawford put the nail in the coffin with the third goal with just over three minutes left in the game. Seth 'Motorman' Morton and Ella 'Stellar' Ballas assisting. Honorable mention going to the big, tall, smooth D-man 'Saint Nick' Penner who is back in the lineup. He missed the early part of the season with a injury and certainly makes a whirl of a difference on the blue line. He wasn't in the lineup when Bonnyville defeated the Avalanche back in November.

A big Happy Birthday going out today to hockey mom Tasha Marcoux.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "I've always believed, no matter how many shots I miss, I'm going to make the next one." -Isaiah Thomas.

Split weekend for Elks

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Elk Point Elks came out with a split this weekend. They hosted the Dewberry Mustangs on Friday night and lost 5-3 and took to the road on Saturday to beat the St. Walburg Eagles by a score of 10-1.

Friday night's game saw the Elks take an early two-goal lead, Brad McNab assisted by Justin Nattress in the first and Matthew Boulianne assisted by Myles Whitford in the second, but Dewberry tied it up by the end of the frame and scored two more in the second before McNab scored his second of the game off assists by Dillon Kalinski and Scott Ward. The Mustangs added one more in the final period to take home the 5-3 win.

Saturday's game on the Saskatchewan side of the border was a whole different story as the Elks scored three in the first period to one for the Eagles, Kalinski assisted by McNab, Kam Ballas unassisted and Whitford assisted by Silas Makokis and Boulianne. The Elks went on to pound four more home in the second, Kalinski assisted by McNab and Ward, Jordyn Wozniak assisted by Nattress and Boulianne, and a pair by Whitford off assists by Nattress, Wozniak and goalie Paul Boulianne. The third period saw three more Elks goals hit their mark, Ward assisted by McNab and Nathan Pundick, Whitford assisted by Boulianne and Makokis, and Jason Kalynchuk assisted by Derek West and Myles Quinney.

Next weekend, the Elks will host the Neilburg Monarchs on Friday and head to Meadow Lake on Saturday to meet the Broncos for the first time.

Elk Point players part of 'a season to be remembered'

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Two Elk Point players were in the spotlight when St. Paul's two football teams gathered at the Regional High School gym on Thursday night, with coaches, players, parents, and supporters on hand to celebrate the 2018 season.

Throughout the evening it was noted the season really was a great one, with the Lions making it fatter than any other St. Paul football team in the club's 35-year history, taking silver in Tier IV provincials.

Lions coach Mark Tichkowsky described 2018 as "A season to be remembered," for both teams. He noted that when the Lions didn't win the provincial final, the team mostly blamed themselves for the shortcoming. But, looking back, the team only lost to teams that either won a provincial championship in their respective tier, or took silver, and the team should be proud of their season.

"We have a great task ahead of us next year," said Tichkowsky. He asked the players to stand if they had been working out in the gym over the past week. Many of the players stood up. He then encouraged those players to encourage the rest of the team to start preparing themselves now for the 2019 season.

"How hard do you want to fight?" he asked, adding it would take a lot of commitment and hard work to bring a provincial championship home.

Then, Bengals coach Todd Tanasichuk spoke to those in attendance. He spoke about how the Bengals started the season in a "total rebuild."

"I know at times football wasn't easy," he said. But, he was hopeful being involved in the program made the young athletes better people.

"If you're wanting success, you have to earn it. You

have to sacrifice," said Tanasichuk. To the Bengals' players who would be moving up to play Lions football, he acknowledged that it would be a much tougher game, and it would be a challenge, but it would be worth sticking to it.

Tanasichuk also offered a message to the Friends of St. Paul Football. We have a lot of people that make this organization great," said Tanasichuk. Special thanks went out to the current executive, with some of the volunteers putting in countless hours to help realize the outdoor light project that was done this fall.

Tanasichuk also offered special thanks for Roger Girard's continued support of the football club over the years, and encouraging those in attendance to give Girard a standing ovation. Girard puts in a lot of time ensuring the football field is cleared and ready to use in snowy conditions. He is also the club's announcer during games and was the emcee on Thursday night.

Tanasichuk thanked a list of people, from the team's bus driver, to the community members who offered their expertise during the light project, to the people who help keep the players healthy, those who took photos of the players, and of course, the referees.

"They put up with a lot. . . We couldn't play football without the referees," said Tanasichuk.

Captains from the teams also took time to acknowledge each of the individual coaches for their commitment to the club.

Scholarships were given to former Lions players Henri Laidley and Bradley Dubrule. Laidley delivered a short speech via video message, while Dubrule's written speech was read out loud by his mom, Susan Kotowich-Dubrule.

Both recipients spoke about how the skills they learned playing football have helped them as they commit to pursuing post-secondary educations at the

University of Alberta.

Player awards were then handed out, recognizing the efforts of the Lions and Bengals players throughout the 2018 season.

Awards include:

- Wheatland Football League All-Stars** - Ty Smereka, Kise White, Josh Foote, Braden Pazuik, Kyler Tichkowsky, Owen Breast & Dawson Poliakiwski
- Rookie of the Year (Bengals)** - Austyn Kennedy & Dax Johnstone
- Rookie of the Year (Lions)** - Ethan Boisclair, Malcolm Steeves & Lane Peters
- Most Improved (Bengals)** - Dominick Couture & Cole Brousseau
- Most Improved (Lions)** - Krys Werenka & Dylan Brighteyes
- Best defensive lineman (Bengals)** - Drayden Cardinal & Chayse Pankiw
- Best defensive lineman (Lions)** - David Campeau
- Best offensive lineman (Bengals)** - Krayghan Gratton
- Best offensive lineman (Lions)** - Dawson Poliakiwski
- Most Heart Award (Bengals)** - Luke Pashulka & Ryan Fodchuk
- Leadership Award (Bengals)** - Krayghan Gratton & Dorian Tomlinson
- Top defensive player (Lions)** - Ben Fodchuk
- Most valuable defensive player (Bengals)** - Dorian Tomlinson
- Top offensive player (Lions)** - Owen Breast
- Most valuable offensive player (Bengals)** - Ryan Fodchuk
- Most versatile player (Lions)** - Josh Foote
- MVP (Bengals)** - Tyler Foote
- MVP (Lions)** - Owen Breast
- Most contribution, less recognition award (Bengals)** - Austin Scrannage